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WILLSON GREETED AT OWENSBORO

Fully Five Thousand Citizens Eager to Hear Him.

Missed Train But Chartered Special and Reaches Appointment.

Owensboro, Ky., Oct. 8.—It is not often that Owensboro has had two political speakers as visitors on special trains on two consecutive days. Yesterday W. J. Bryan, the Nebraskan, who was brought to Kentucky to tell Kentucky how to manage its own affairs was the attraction at this place. To-day it was Augustus E. Willson, the Republican nominee for Governor.

Mr. Willson arrived here on the "Willson special" from Louisville at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The special was occasioned by the Republican leader missing his train this morning. In making inquiry over the telephone as to the time of the train's departure from Louisville Mr. Willson misunderstood the one to whom he directed his inquiry and arrived at the Tenth-street station three minutes after the regular train for this city had left.

He immediately chartered a special car and engine and arrived here only an hour late. It was a hair-raising trip over the 112 miles between Louisville and Owensboro, and the distance was negotiated in almost record time.

Mr. Willson was met at the station here by a Reception Committee of prominent citizens headed by the Third Regiment Band, and was given one of the greatest ovations of his campaign.

Fully 5,000 men, women and children were at the station to welcome the Republican leader when his special train pulled in. It seemed as if the whole city population was on hand for it had become known that he missed the regular train, and they were determined to show him their appreciation of his grit in keeping his speaking appointment under adverse conditions.

The Daviess County Court House was inadequate to hold the crowd who wanted to hear Mr. Willson speak, and the Opera House had been engaged by the local committee.

PACKED TO THE LIMIT.

Long before his speaking time it was jammed and packed to its limit, and when he rose to speak it could not hold any more people with comfort.

After the invocation by Dr. Hudson, Judge Little made a brief introductory address, paying an eloquent tribute to the gubernatorial candidate.

In prefacing his address, Mr. Willson spoke of the most encouraging and happy progress which had been his through the State, and of the great uprising of the people against ring rule which he had observed. He remarked that he supposed Mr. Bryan was just as interesting to the people of Owensboro at \$500 per day as when he was a candidate.

BRYAN IS WELL PAID.

He explained though, that the Nebraskan had charged just the same for his service at that time. The fact that Mr. Bryan came all the way from Nebraska to tell Kentucky how it should handle its local affairs he characterized as ridiculous, particularly the Nebraskan's mission to prevent Kentucky from going Republican.

"It there hadn't been a big retainer in cash his desire to keep Kentucky from going Republican would simply have smoldered on the hearth of his ambition," he declared. That Mr. Bryan didn't owe Beckham and Hager anything, Mr. Willson declared to be true and he didn't blame the Nebraskan for charging them for his assistance.

He made the statement that McCreary and Hager had heaps of letters and affidavits showing how they were robbed by the ring leaders in that primary and they were standing indifferently in support of the machine ticket, too manly to squal, and too honest to give a false countenance to the methods employed in the present campaign.

THAT \$3,500 CHECK.

Another statement made by Mr. Willson and one which evidently made a deep impression on the audience, was that the famous \$3,500 Dehler check, collected by Auditor Hager from the saloon interests from campaign purposes was the last of a series of checks of that kind which amounted in all to \$30,000. He challenged Mr.

Hager to deny truth of this statement.

He again made his attitude on the temperance issue so clear that there was no room for misunderstanding. He denounced Gov. Beckham and Auditor Hager as pretenders of temperance, and explained in detail upon what he based his assertion. He said that he had heard that Mr. Hager, in a Maysville speech, had declared that he was a Democrat, and if the Democratic party was for whisky he was for whisky and if it was against it, so was he.

"That's not the kind of Kentuckian you see before you," Mr. Willson said. "Here is a man who is a Republican but if the Republican party was against temperance I'd be against the Republican party."

In closing his address Mr. Willson cautioned the voters to watch for an honest count on election day. "Every man to his guns," he said, "and watch like a hawk every ballot that goes into the box."

PROVIDENCE IS ASSISTING

In Control of the Tobacco Situation by the A. S. of E.

Farmers Should Lay Aside all Difference and Complete the Splendid Job.

Editors Republican.—To the Local Unions of the A. S. of E. and Tobacco Growers in general throughout the Green River District. Now that the 1907 crop of tobacco is mostly in the barns and a short but generally good crops, and as the time of year is here when our thoughts naturally turn toward the selling end of the crops it is important that we begin to consider

this matter one of a most serious nature. As we undoubtedly have it in our power to win a great and important victory by pooling a large percentage of the 1907 crop. An allwise Providence has created conditions that make it an easy matter to control the prices of this crop if we will but embrace the opportunity, but if we should be so unwise as to not stand firm and true to the plan of pooling, but should dump any considerable amount of the crops it will only serve to prolong the fight for the battle must be won sooner or later. If we were to allow ourselves to think of defeat, it would be a dreadful thing to contemplate the wretchedness suffering and privations that would ensue as the result of a return to the starvation prices of 1903. Fellow farmers it's high time that we lay aside all trivial differences that prevent us from presenting a solid front to the enemy if we would keep in mind the great and fundamental

principle, viz: The right of the majority to rule it would help us wonderfully in arriving at definite conclusions now that the busy season is over it is important that we go to work and revive our local unions the regular meetings of our Locals are too important to be neglected there is so much that we farmers need, that could be secured through the Organization that the value of getting down to regular systematic work can scarcely be over estimated.

The added strength of the organizations in other sections ought to greatly encourage us. Think of what has been accomplished in the Burley District. Since the 1st of last November 70,000,000 pounds of the 1906 crop pooled and over 100,000 acres of the 1907 crop pledged. Wisconsin, Indiana and several other sections coming into the pooling column this year all help greatly to hasten the day of our deliverance. The hand of Equity is clearly visible in the prices of near-

ly all farm products the leaven of controlled marketing is gradually leavening the whole lump.

Now just a word to the men on the out side. Do you not think you have taken advantage of our prices long enough? We think so, if you expect to have any claim upon the good will or respect of your neighbors, come up like a man this year and help us to establish permanently the right of farmers to price their products, the line must be drawn between those who are fighting this great battle to establish the rights of the farmer and the man who is acting the tory by furnishing the evening with the munitions of war with which to prosecute their battle against profitable prices. Choose ye this day whom you will serve Home and Friend, or the Tobacco Trust.

Local Unions don't forget to send delegates to the National Tobacco Growers convention at Shelbyville, Ky., Oct. 30th. M. F. SHARP.



HON. AUGUSTUS E. WILLSON,
Who will Speak at Hartford Next Friday.